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FOLLOWING IS LEAD ARTICLE IN FEBRUARY 3 ISSUE OF "THE REUTER
APPLIED ATOMICS REPORT", RECEIVED IN MISSION THIS DATE.
BEGIN QUOTE MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS FINALISE AGREEMENT. SEVEN
OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS HAVE AGREED TO REGULATE
COMMERCIAL EXPORTS OF ATOMIC POWER PLANT,A WEST GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID IN BONN. HE WAS GIVING THE FIRST OFFICIAL
STATEMENT BY ANY OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED -- UNITED STATES,
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SOVIET UNION,BRITAIN,CANADA,FRANCE, WEST

GERMANY AND JAPAN - AND SAID THE AGREEMENT CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 27 THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE SEVEN.

THE OBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED AFTER TWO YEARS OF SECRET NEGOTIATIONS, IS TO PREVENT ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS LEADING INDIRECTLY TO PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS. THE EXACT TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, HE ADDED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WEST GERMANY HAD MADE WITH BRAZIL (SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS ISSUE) CORRESPOND WITH THE GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN THE SEVEN-NATION ACCORD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE GUIDELINES ARE A LOGICAL EXTENSION OF THE POLICY OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION.

THE LATEST ACCORD WAS DRAWN UP BY THE SO-CALLED SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE IN PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN IN LONDON EARLY IN 1974. ALL SEVEN COUNTRIES EXCEPT FRANCE ARE SIGNATORIES OF THE 1968 INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHICH SPECIFICALLY BANS THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE NEW ACCORD COVERS PEACEFUL ATOMIC EQUIPMENT.

PRIME OBJECT OF THE OFFICIAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE SEVEN NATIONS IN LONDON WAS TO AGREE ON ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND FUEL REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY, OF WHICH THEY ARE THE MAIN SUPPLIERS. THE PROBLEM AROSE FROM THE WISH OF SOME COUNTRIES TO USE NUCLEAR MATERIAL FOR CIVIL AND PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THE INCREASING RISK THAT SUCH MATERIAL MAY ALSO BE EMPLOYED FOR MILITARY ENDS. END QUOTE
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